



Los Angeles Astronomical Society

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GENERAL MEETING

Dr. Guido Münch was born in San Cristobal, Mexico on June 9, 1921. He obtained his B.S. degree from the National University of Mexico in 1938, his M.S. from the same institution in 1944 and his Ph.D. in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of Chicago in 1947. He has held his professorial post at the California Institute of Technology since 1951. His researches include stellar atmospheres, interstellar matter and planetary atmospheres. On Monday evening, April 12th, Dr. Münch will discuss the Jovian satellite Io and the "ring of Jupiter." Plan to attend.

COMET WEST A PHOTO SPECTACULAR!

Slides and photos of Comet West will be shown at the April meeting. If you have any you'd like to share, bring them along--don't be modest.

PLACE: Kinsey Auditorium, California Museum of Science and Industry, Exposition Park.

WHEN: Monday evening, 7:30 p.m., April 12th.

OTHER MEETINGS IN APRIL

STAR MEMBER MEETING - Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue, near the Santa Monica Fwy. Monday, April 19th, 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Palms Recreational Center, Overland Avenue, near the Santa Monica Fwy. Monday, April 26th, 7:30 p.m.

STAR PARTY/WORK PARTY

The first star party of the season is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 1st. At the 5,340 feet altitude of Lockwood Valley, evenings can be quite cool, particularly in the spring, so dress warmly. Temperatures could easily fall below freezing. Don't forget, conveniences are minimal: no water, electricity and only one outhouse. To make the evening enjoyable for all, courtesy and safety must be adhered to. See you there!

A work party for star members is planned for Saturday, May 1st, the same day as the star party. Star members, try to arrive before noon so that we may complete some projects before dark. Thanks.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

Following on the heels of our star party is the annual swap meet, hosted by the Monterey Park Astronomical Society. As in past years, the event will take place at the Garvey Ranch Observatory, 781 South Orange Street, Monterey Park on Sunday afternoon, May 2nd. Remember, if everybody comes to buy, there will be nothing to sell, so bring along that unused 'scope, eyepiece or discarded mirror cell. One person's junk is another's treasure.

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The annual Riverside Telescope Makers Convention will be held at Big Bear in the San Bernardino Mountains on May 29th, 30th, and 31st. The cost of accommodations this year is spectacularly low. For details write to Phillip Wolfe, 8952 San Vicente, Riverside, CA 92503, or phone (714) 688-1594.

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Astronomy Day will be observed Saturday, April 10th. All over the state, clubs will be hosting star parties and exhibitions. Though the LAAS has nothing planned, members are encouraged to do their own thing. If you plan to do any proselytizing, the message should be: "Turn off your lights, turn on to astronomy."

OBIT

Belatedly and with much regret we learned of the passing in November of Royce Heath. Mr. Heath was a member of this organization since July, 1955 and supported our efforts to acquire our Lockwood Valley observatory site when he became a charter star member in 1970. Commiserations are extended to Mrs. Heath and her family.

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Member Paul Muller recently returned from England after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Newcastle. Dr. Muller presented a copy of his dissertation, entitled "An Analysis of the Ancient Astronomical Observations with the Implications for Geophysics and Cosmology," to the LAAS library. The Board of Directors, on behalf of the entire Society, extends hearty congratulations to Dr. Muller and thanks for his extremely thoughtful consideration. His dissertation will become a highly valued addition to our library.

Dr. Muller believes that due to the current

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wave of popular interest in his area of specialization, the Society would perhaps enjoy a talk that he would be willing to give at some future time. Indeed we would! We can only hope that it will be some time soon.

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OBSERVATORY FOR SALE



LOCATION - 17 miles northwest of Yucca Valley, California; 126 miles to downtown L.A. and 44 miles to Palm Springs. Elevation at observatory is 5808 feet.

OBSERVATORY - 14-1/2 foot anodized steel Ash Dome.

TELESCOPE - 12-1/2 inch Cave Cassegrain/Newtonian--long focal length.

HOUSE - furnished, 16x36 feet with 8x14 ft. porch and full bath and fireplace.

LAND- 20 acres of high desert - 1/4 mile east-west and 1/8 mile north-south. Observatory on top of hill at almost exact center of land. Very clear air. No lights from commercial power in sight. Views 40 miles north and south.

SHED - has 1200 gallon water tank and pump. Utilities and controls from shed to house and observatory all underground. Large concrete vault behind shed with 3500 watt generator and shelves for other valuables. \$62,500. Contact William B. Farrington, 1565 Skyline Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92561 or phone (714)494-0540.

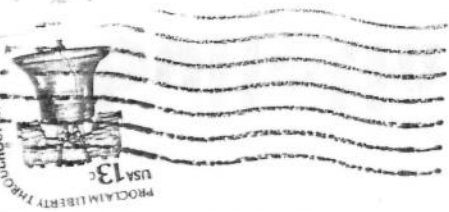
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STAR MEMBERS please note --- ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
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